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6. ☐ A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language document(s) appears below:

7. ☒ The Examiner's attention is directed to co-pending U.S. Patent Application Nos. 10/132,702; 10/225,472; 10/225,487; and 10/225,488, which are directed to related technical subject matter. Copies of these applications are enclosed herewith. The identification and submission of these applications are not to be construed as waivers of secrecy as to these applications now or upon issuance of the subject application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited applications and the art cited therein during examination.

8. ☐ Copies of the documents were cited by or submitted to the Office in Application No. , filed , which is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Thus, copies of these documents are not attached. 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).


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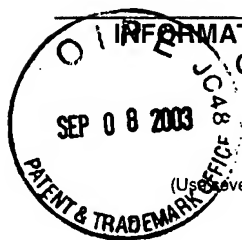
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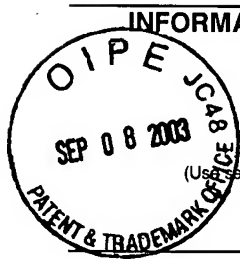
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